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RESOLUTION ADOPTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY

[on the report of the Fifth Committee (A/46/817)]

46/220. Rationalization of the work of the Fifth Committee: biennialization of the programme of work

The General Assembly,

Bearing in mind the increased workload of the Fifth Committee and the need to ensure that the Committee is able to fulfil its responsibilities,

Recalling the previous established practice of the Fifth Committee to follow the biennial cycle in its programme of work,

1. Adopts the biennial approach to the consideration of agenda items of the Fifth Committee, with the exception of those which are specifically mandated to be considered annually, as required, or on an ad hoc basis;

2. Approves section I of the annex to the present resolution as the basis for the formulation of the biennial programme of work for the Fifth Committee, and decides to keep it under review;

3. Also approves the biennial programme of work for the Fifth Committee for 1992-1993, as contained in section II of the annex to the present resolution;

4. Decides to conform requests for reports of the Secretary-General to be submitted to the Fifth Committee to the biennial programme of work for the Committee, except where the urgency of the subject-matter requires otherwise;

5. Requests the subsidiary bodies reporting to the Fifth Committee to adjust their programme of work to conform to the biennial work programme for the Fifth Committee;

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6. Requests the Secretary-General to submit to the Fifth Committee for consideration and approval each year a proposed biennial programme of work, taking into account relevant resolutions and decisions of the General Assembly of that year;

7. Notes that the success of the progress of work of the Fifth Committee also depends upon the timely submission of the reports by the Secretary-General and the relevant subsidiary bodies.

79th plenary meeting
20 December 1991

ANNEX

I. Programme of work for the Fifth Committee

A. Annual consideration

1. Financial reports and audited financial statements, and reports of the Board of Auditors

2. Programme budget of the United Nations

3. Current financial crisis of the United Nations

4. Financial emergency of the United Nations

5. Pattern of conferences a/

6. Financing of the United Nations peace-keeping operations

7. Appointments to fill vacancies in subsidiary organs and other appointments

8. Report of the Economic and Social Council

B. Biennial consideration in odd years b/

1. Proposed programme budget for the next biennium

2. Joint Inspection Unit; in-depth consideration of annual reports c/

3. Administrative and budgetary aspects of the financing of the United Nations peace-keeping operations

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a/ The calendar of conferences and meetings requires consideration each year; other issues under this item are considered biennially.

b/ References to "odd" or "even" years relate to calendar years.

c/ Reports of the Joint Inspection Unit linked to substantive Fifth Committee agenda items are considered annually.

C. Biennial consideration in even years b/

1. Review of the efficiency of the administrative and financial functioning of the United Nations

2. Programme planning

3. Administrative and budgetary coordination of the United Nations with the specialized agencies and the International Atomic Energy Agency

4. Personnel questions d/

5. United Nations common system e/

6. United Nations pension system f/

D. Consideration as required

1. Scale of assessments for the apportionment of the expenses of the United Nations g/

II. Biennial programme of work for the Fifth Committee for 1992-1993

A. Programme of work for 1992

1. Financial reports and audited financial statements, and reports of the Board of Auditors

2. Review of the efficiency of the administrative and financial functioning of the United Nations

3. Programme budget for the biennium 1992-1993

4. Programme planning

5. Current financial crisis of the United Nations

6. Financial emergency of the United Nations

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d/ The United Nations staff list and the statistical report on the composition of the Secretariat would be issued also in odd years for information purposes.

e/ The report of the International Civil Service Commission is issued for information in odd years. No decision would be required on the part of the General Assembly on the issues covered in the report.

f/ The budget of the United Nations Joint Staff Pension Fund would be considered in odd years. It should be taken up as a sub-item under the agenda item of the proposed programme budget for the next biennium.

g/ The General Assembly should consider this item twice in three years.

7. Administrative and budgetary coordination of the United Nations with the specialized agencies and the International Atomic Energy Agency

8. Joint Inspection Unit

9. Pattern of conferences

10. Scale of assessments for the apportionment of the expenses of the United Nations

11. Personnel questions

12. United Nations common system

13. United Nations pension system

14. Financing of the United Nations peace-keeping operations

15. Report of the Economic and Social Council

16. Appointments to fill vacancies in subsidiary organs and other appointments

B. Programme of work for 1993 h/

1. Financial reports and audited financial statements, and reports of the Board of Auditors

2. Programme budget for the biennium 1992-1993

3. Proposed programme budget for the biennium 1994-1995

4. Current financial crisis of the United Nations

5. Financial emergency of the United Nations

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h/ The programme of work for 1993 will be updated in 1992, taking into account relevant decisions of the General Assembly at its forty-seventh session.